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HOT TOPICS

Environmental assessment for John Sevier gas-fired plant construction completed

TVA has completed the Environmental Assessment for the construction of a new gas-fired power plant located next to the John Sevier coal-fired plant in Rogersville, Tenn. The Environmental Assessment, which revealed no significant environmental impacts, was part of the environmental review necessary to begin construction of the gas-fired plant.

“Completing the Environmental Assessment is an important step in moving forward with construction of the new plant,” says Roger Waldrep, project manager for the construction of the plant. “The new generation will give TVA another option to provide power and voltage control in this critical area of the TVA service territory.”

Construction on the new gas-fired plant is slated to begin this month. The plant will provide 880 megawatts of power and is scheduled to be online in 2012.

Tennessee River & Reservoir System Update available

TVA e-mails monthly updates on the operation of TVA-managed reservoirs to interested stakeholders. In addition, the *Tennessee River & Reservoir System Update* is available at www.tva.gov/email/eRiver/2010/march. To sign up for monthly updates, send an e-mail request to reservoirupdate@tva.gov.

The March issue includes information on rain and runoff; current reservoir elevations and historical reservoir elevations; and questions and answers about the spring fill and special reservoir operations; as well as links to more TVA information.

TVA seasonal campgrounds open

TVA's 11 seasonal campgrounds on reservoirs throughout the Tennessee Valley region are open for the recreation season. The campground season runs through Nov. 15.

For the first time, three sites will remain open through Dec. 13: the Douglas Dam Headwater Campground, Douglas Dam Tailwater Campground and Pickwick Dam Tailwater Campground.

TVA's day-use recreation areas located on dam reservations remain open year-round. Day-use recreation areas are used for hiking, fishing, boating, picnicking, wildlife viewing and swimming.

Opening hours for the campgrounds and additional information on recreation opportunities on TVA reservoirs are available by calling 800-882-5263 or from TVA's Recreation Web site at <http://www.tva.com/river/recreation>.

The seasonal TVA campgrounds (and their reservoir locations) are as follows:

Cherokee Dam (Cherokee)

Douglas Dam Headwater (Douglas)

Douglas Dam Tailwater (Douglas)

Foster Falls Marion County, Tenn.

Melton Hill Dam (Melton Hill)

Barton Springs (Normandy)

Loyston Point (Norris)

Pickwick Dam Tailwater (Pickwick)

Watauga Dam Tailwater (Watauga)

Mallard Creek (Wheeler)

Wilson Dam Rockpile (Wilson)



ON THE COVER

COVER PHOTO – Rick Carson, Generation Partners project manager, has been involved with the Green Power Switch wind-turbine project since its beginning. Photo by Cletus Mitchell.

SUN SHINES

on TVA's Generation Partners

BY DUNCAN MANSFIELD

Piet Dossche, president of USFloors Inc. in Dalton, Ga., with solar panels adorning his warehouse roof.



The sun is shining on TVA's homegrown renewable-energy program, Generation Partners.

Fueled by TVA incentives and federal tax credits, solar panels and wind turbines are popping up on businesses and homes across the region and sending their green kilowatts onto the TVA grid.

Participation in Generation Partners, a pilot program launched in 2003, has tripled along with its capacity since last spring. The number of installations has swelled from 69 to 202 — 189 are solar and 13 are wind. The program's 1.52-megawatt capacity is enough to meet the annual energy needs of more than 120 Tennessee Valley households.

"We are very excited," says Piet Dossche, president of USFloors Inc. in Dalton, Ga.

USFloors manufactures and distributes natural flooring products, such as cork, bamboo, linoleum and other natural hardwoods. Consistent with its renewable vision, the company has installed 672 solar photovoltaic panels on a warehouse roof visible from Interstate 75.

The panels cover 14,500 square feet and can generate up to 144 kilowatts. The company says it is the largest commercial solar array in Georgia. Without doubt, it is the single biggest contributor to Generation Partners.

"There is no question that TVA and North Georgia Electric Membership Corp. have

been crucial elements in making this come to fruition," Dossche says. "Without them this would have been less attractive."

TVA pays for Generation Partners power through credits on participants' bills from their local distributor. Currently, 95 distributors offer the program — 24 more than a year ago.

Susan Curtis, senior manager of Generation Partners, credits program growth to a new rate structure introduced last spring that pays a 12-cent premium per kwh for solar and a 3-cent premium per kwh for wind, biomass and hydro projects of less than 1 megawatt. The program also doubled a startup incentive to \$1,000.

Federal tax credits for up to 30 percent of a system's cost and TVA's commitment to buy 100 percent of a Generation Partner's production for 10 years really helps with the economics on payback, she says.

"Right now we have just solar and wind," Curtis says. "But we have a lot of systems that we consider 'in the pipeline.' We get questions every day from customers and distributors wanting to know if a system will qualify — particularly biomass candidates."

Meanwhile, USFloors isn't sitting still. Dossche says his company is planning to



PHOTOS BY DAVID LUTTRELL

Allison Crossen, manager of Energy Services at North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, Piet Dossche, president at USFloors, and TVA's Susan Curtis (standing), show off the solar photovoltaic panels.

double its solar capacity by expanding a second existing solar array of 31.5 kilowatts to more than 300 kilowatts. ■



Recycling for a reason

From left, Jessica Marine, John Ledgerwood, Ron Stewart, Dorothy Humphreys and Adele Dennison show the new aluminum-can recycling collection bins at Kingston Fossil Plant. "Recycling one aluminum can saves the energy it takes to run a television for three hours," says Cynthia McCowan, who is leading the plant's increased recycling efforts. Last year, money collected from Kingston Fossil Plant's recycling program purchased food baskets for 15 families at Christmas.



CLETUS MITCHELL

RaeRae visits Norris Dam

"Enviropals!," a new national PBS children's show about green science, shot a segment for an upcoming show at Norris Dam about hydro power and how dams use water to produce electricity. RaeRae the red panda, the show's leading character, toured the facility and interviewed River Operations Manager David Bowling. The program is expected to air in the fall. Students in kindergarten through third grade are the primary audience for "Enviropals!," which includes ecology and biology education segments. For more information, go to <http://www.raerae.tv>.

SAY IT YOUR WAY What's on your book shelf?

During an employee meeting, President and Chief Executive Officer Tom Kilgore told employees he was reading **"Creating the Accountable Organization"** by Mark Samuel. He even gave copies to Business Council members.

Inside TVA asked employees what they were reading, and many responses are posted at www.tva.gov/insidetva/mar10/insideLine.htm. We've listed one below.

Sun Tzu's "The Art of War" – "I believe this book gives key advice on how to succeed in any competitive situation, whether it be business or something else, by using the power of your mind." *Cameron Lawson, assistant unit operator, Kingston Fossil Plant*



JEFF WINTER

Skills for the future

Eric Russell, lead for TVA's computer-aided-drafting School-to-Work program, known as CADNet, at Butler County High School in Morgantown, Ky., was at the school's open house to show the new CADNet lab, the first of its kind in Kentucky. TVA's program trains students in computer-aided drafting while providing low-cost, quality computer-aided-design services for organizations such as power producers. "Not only does the program expand educational and job-related opportunities for the students, but it is also a training ground for tomorrow's workforce who will need computer skills to succeed in today's world of technology," says Russell.



From left, Martha Podren; Leslie Smathers, District Soil & Water conservationist for the Haywood Soil & Water Conservation District; and Eric Romaniszyn look at an alternative watering system for cattle on a farm in Haywood County, N.C.

A CREEK RETURNS TO HEALTH

BY BROOKS CLARK

After years of effort from TVA and its watershed partners, Hyatt Creek in Haywood County, N.C., may finally come off the state list of impaired waters.

In July of 2006, Eric Romaniszyn, director of the Haywood Waterways Association, invited Haywood County, N.C., residents to two public meetings — one at Hazelwood Elementary School and the other at a barbeque on the parking lot of a private business. About 30 people showed up at each event. They heard Romaniszyn (rhymes with “position”), Chris Cooper, manager of TVA’s Holston-Cherokee-Douglas Watershed Team, and representatives of the Haywood Soil & Water Conservation District and Southwestern North Carolina Resource Conservation & Development Council explain that the Haywood Waterways Association and partners had received a state grant to improve the water quality in Hyatt Creek. The headwater stream flows 3½ miles from its source to Richland Creek, which flows into Lake Junaluska.

Hyatt Creek is on the state’s list of impaired waters, suffering primarily from sediment and bacteria as well as from all the other pollutants that leak from septic systems, flow from feedlots and wash into the stream every time it rains. And when cattle, goats and horses drink from the creek, they not only damage stream banks — causing erosion and sediment crumbling into the streambed — but also leave behind bacteria in manure. Romaniszyn says if farmers want to get in touch with the partners,

there is money available to fence out the animals and provide them with alternative watering sources and designated stream crossings. “One attendee at a meeting was so inspired that she took it upon herself to fence out her own livestock,” he says.

Water-quality improvement takes a long time, says Martha Podren, a TVA Holston-Cherokee-Douglas watershed representative. “It’s one job at a time.” In all, project partners have tackled 39 separate projects so far to remove bacteria, reduce stormwater runoff and stabilize stream banks.

At the same time, employees from the state’s Wastewater Discharge Elimination (or WaDE) Program are knocking on dozens of doors. Analysis of aerial photos, provided by TVA, had suggested that failing septic fields were leaking pollutants into the creek. Working with homeowners, the WaDE workers found 38 violations, from leaking leach fields to a home with a pipe pouring raw sewage directly into Hyatt Creek. For low-income households, WaDE has funds to fix these septic systems through Mountain Projects, a local non-profit that helps low income families. For all others, money is available from the North Carolina grant program.

This year, the coordinated efforts have paid off. Sampling has shown that aquatic insects, which are good indicators of stream health, have come back, which provides strong evidence that the stream can finally come off the list. The partnership will have to wait until the next time the Department of Water Quality collects samples from the stream. “In the meantime, the partners received two more grants,” says Romaniszyn. “One will be used to replant vegetation and stabilize Hyatt Creek’s banks, and the other will be used to expand our efforts into Richland Creek.” ■



HAPPY 10TH B Green Pow

Joshua Carroll, 10, of Normandy, Tenn., has something in common with one of the most successful renewable energy initiatives in the nation.

Joshua, son of Randy Carroll, key accounts coordinator for Duck River Electric Cooperative, was born on April 22, 2000, the same Earth Day 10 years ago on which TVA launched the Green Power Switch program. "We've always called him our Earth Day baby," says Joshua's dad, who coordinates Green Power Switch accounts for Duck River's commercial customers.



DAVID BAILEY

Joshua Carroll with his dad, Randy, posing at their home. Joshua and Green Power Switch share the same birthday.

Since its birthday, Green Power Switch has come a long way. "In its first year, Green Power Switch had 3,000 participants buying 10,500 blocks of renewable power through 12 distributors," says Jennifer Brogdon, manager of Renewable Energy Programs. "Today we have nearly 12,500 participants buying close to 55,800 blocks through 114 distributors."

Green Power Switch generation includes the 18 wind turbines atop Buffalo Mountain, near Oak Ridge, 15 solar sites across TVA's service area, one methane-gas digester site at Allen Fossil Plant and renewable energy produced by end-use customers through the pilot program Generation Partners (see story on page 3).

Rick Carson, a project manager with TVA's Generation Partners, has been involved with Green Power Switch since the beginning, at different times managing the wind farm and the solar sites. "I've led tours on top of Buffalo Mountain in all kinds of weather," he says, although he wonders if TVA missed an opportunity in identifying the location. "Locals have always known that particular ridgeline as Wind Rock. There is even a big boulder there known as 'wind rock.'"



DAMIEN POWER

From left, Grace Whiteside of Knoxville Utilities Board, Ali Virtanen of the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, and TVA's Jennifer Brogdon shown on the UT campus, the largest purchaser of Green Power Switch blocks.

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Brogdon says people who purchase Green Power Switch are those who tend to recycle, buy green products and are interested in preserving the environment for future generations. "They know that when they participate in Green Power Switch, they're making a difference. We like to say that buying two blocks of green power a month for a year is the environmental equivalent of planting your own acre of trees."

Green Power Switch is particularly successful on college campuses. Led by the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, the largest purchaser of Green Power Switch, seven major universities buy 372 megablocks (375 blocks = one megablock) of green power each year. At those schools, students voted to pay a green fee each semester to go toward energy efficiency and renewable energy. "The students didn't just support it," says Jolyn Newton, a former Renewable Energy Programs manager, now with Energy Efficiency & Demand Response. "They drove it."

As successful as these 10 years have been, the people in the Green Power Switch program are looking forward to the next era of renewable power. "There is a consensus among environmental stakeholders, distributors and customers that it's time to take Green Power Switch to the next level, to make it even better and more effective," says Brogdon. ■

Green Power Switch is a method by which residential consumers and businesses can choose to buy power from renewable energy sources in this region such as wind, sun and methane in 150-kilowatt-hour blocks (about 12 percent of a typical household's monthly energy use). Each block adds \$4 to the customer's monthly power bills.

Generation Partners provides technical support and incentives for end users to install renewable generation systems such as solar panels and wind turbines. TVA purchases green energy output for 12 cents per kilowatt-hour for solar and 3 cents per kilowatt-hour for other renewable generation as a premium payment above the retail rate and any fuel-cost adjustments. All new Generation Partners participants receive a \$1,000 incentive to help offset start-up costs. (See "Sun shines on TVA's Generation Partners" on page 3.)

To sign up for Green Power Switch and to learn more about Generation Partners, go to <http://www.greenpowerswitch.com>.



my job rocks

BY BROOKS CLARK

TVA employees are on the job 24/7, keeping the lights on, running the river system, managing TVA lands and supporting TVA's operations. In this column, you'll hear from TVA employees who can say, "My job rocks!"

ERIN PRITCHARD | ARCHAEOLOGIST

Archaeologist Erin Pritchard protects archaeological sites on TVA lands.

When Erin Pritchard was growing up in Knoxville, her family made each vacation a history lesson. "They dragged me to every historic site," she says. "We went to St. Augustine in Florida. We visited Williamsburg five times. I hated it at the time, but it gave me an interest in history."

Since 2002, Pritchard has been an archaeologist for TVA, working with groups throughout TVA to preserve and protect archaeological sites on TVA lands. "I'm very passionate about archaeology and finding ways we can do a better job of preserving archaeological sites."

Pritchard was a junior at the University of Tennessee, working on a psychology major, when she took Introduction to Archaeology. "They were talking about field schools, and it sounded interesting, so I signed up," she says. "I spent 10 weeks in a swamp, living in a tent in northern Alabama. I was hooked." Her field school was on TVA land — Dust Cave on Pickwick Reservoir — where she studied artifacts 8,000 to 10,000 years old.

Pritchard earned her bachelor's degree in anthropology in 1997 and her master's in 2001 with a thesis on "Cave Archaeology in Middle Tennessee."

"I love my job," says Pritchard. "I feel I can make a difference in the protection and preservation of archaeological sites."

TVA manages more than 10,000 archaeological sites which contain such ancient

remains as fire, storage and refuse pits, house structures, and rock fragments from tool-making. "These sites are being threatened every day by looting, development, erosion and other factors," says Pritchard. The Archaeological Resources Protection Act makes it illegal to remove artifacts from federal lands.

"We have a big problem with individuals collecting artifacts and looting sites on TVA lands," says Pritchard. "That's one of

the challenges. It's part of the culture that people were brought up to do this as a hobby. So we have to change the culture."

Pritchard says she likes the public outreach aspect of the job. She has spoken to Lake Watch groups, TVA retirees, veterans and Boy Scouts, and participates in an annual Earth Day event at an elementary school in Coffee County. "I like to share my excitement about preserving sites and get people to be excited about it, too." ■



At a site on Watts Bar Lake, Erin Pritchard shows some pottery fragments from 500 B.C. to 500 A.D.

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Take a walk on the wildflower side

BY CAROLYN MINTER

With TVA's annual wildflower walks, retiree volunteer Doug Bean is as perennial as the elusive pennywort, a favorite among the hundreds who visit the paths each year.

It reflects a passion that's followed him throughout his life. For 30 years, Bean enjoyed being a TVA forester.

Now, he's racked up another 23 years leading TVA's annual wildflower walks. This is the 27th year for the walks at River Bluff TVA Small Wild Area on the Norris Dam Reservation, says Jason Mitchell, program manager with TVA's Stewardship Programs.

"TVA's botanists, foresters and the volunteers revisit the paths each year to bone up on new plants and growths, and to make sure the walking paths are safe," Mitchell says. "It's an amazingly beautiful walk, but safety is first for the guests and the tour guides."

TVA hosts the walks — free of charge — in conjunction with Ijams Nature Center, Norris Dam State Park and Friends of Norris Dam State Park. This year's 16 guided walks took place over two consecutive weekends and drew about 285 visitors.

Although Truitt Fore is a new volunteer with the walks — this is his second year — to him, this is an extension of his TVA



TVA contractor Larry Pounds, front, shows, from left, Doug Bean, Heather Hart, Tiffany Foster, Truitt Fore and Leo Collins how to identify wildflower parts.

work and his post-retirement interests. He retired from the Land, Recreation & Natural Resources Department's property-management area.

"My work is mostly Federal Emergency Management Agency projects," he says. "I've done recreation surveys and worked at the Norris Visitors Center. I am glad to participate with the walks."

From early March to mid-May, the River Bluff natural area hosts one of the best spring wildflower displays in East Tennessee.

Visitors explore the natural area to see a spectacular array of spring wildflowers, especially yellow trout lilies, bloodroot, celandine poppies, Dutchman's breeches, columbine and several species of trillium.

TVA's network of 154 natural areas is nationally recognized because most of them protect populations of federal- and/or state-listed as protected plants or animals. They also offer recreational and research opportunities in a "wilderness-type" setting. The trail has also been designated a National Recreation Trail by the Secretary of the Interior. ■

new retirees

36 years

Carol A. Davis, River Operations, Chattanooga

30 years

Russell T. King Jr., Human Resources, Knoxville

28 years

Al T. Horton, Fossil Power Group, Muscle Shoals

26 years

Edward W. Robertson, Information Services, Chattanooga

Bruce E. Vincent, Supply Chain, Chattanooga

24 years

Michael L. Crane, Supply Chain, Chattanooga

22 years

David W. Sorrelle, Environment & Technology, Muscle Shoals
J.D. Tucker, Power System Operations, Columbia

21 years

Boyce D. Lewis, Supply Chain, Soddy-Daisy

Gary L. Moore, Power System Operations, Starkville

Harry N. Taylor, Environment & Technology, Chattanooga

18 years

Joel W. Barnett, Fossil Power Group, Muscle Shoals
Glen A. Cummings, Power System Operations, Chattanooga
Ronette G. Williams, Fossil Power Group, Muscle Shoals

17 years

William P. Moss, Fossil Power Group, West Paducah

10 years

David H. Anderson, Fossil Power Group, Gallatin
Billy R. Cole, River Operations, Muscle Shoals

8 years

Theresa B. Broussard, Human Resources, Knoxville
Michael J. Hunt, Nuclear Power Group, Decatur

7 years

Warren R. Beaves, Power System Operations, Chattanooga

A lifestyle of healthy eating

Easy rules for making good choices

BY KELLY LAWSON

Your Health
Counts

Pat Minor knew she had to make some lifestyle changes. A year later and 30 pounds lighter, she says she is so much healthier.

"I was starting to have some health issues, and I knew I had to make some choices," says Minor, a specialist in Equal Employment Opportunities.

"There are so many things we can't control, but eating better and exercising more are not part of those."

Minor was among participants getting their lunches "analyzed" at a TVA Your Health Counts information session on "Eating Healthy to Prevent a Chronic Condition" in March.

Sarah Griswold, a registered dietitian for the Healthy Weight Program with the Knox County Health Department, shared healthy eating tips. She says her golden rule of weight management is "Calories in must equal calories out. If you consume more calories than you use, you will gain weight. If you take in fewer calories, you will lose weight."

"In the book 'Mindless Eating' by Brian Wansink, there's a surprising fact called the 'mindless margin,'" Griswold says. "Without giving it much thought, you can

increase your weight by eating only an extra 100 calories a day. For instance, one cup of soda each day could add up to unexpected weight gain."

Using the formula below, adding 100 calories a day for one year adds up to about 10 pounds a year:

- 100 calories x 365 days = 36,500 calories per year
- 1 pound of fat = 3,500 calories
- 100 calories/day is approximately 10 pounds/year!

Griswold says decreasing your daily intake by only 100 calories can lead to slow and steady weight loss, without leaving you feeling hungry or deprived.

Six simple 'non-food' tips for eating healthier:

- Don't use a plate bigger than 9 inches.
- Reconstruct your plate — fill one-half of it with fruits and vegetables, one-fourth with a grain or starch, and one-fourth with protein.
- Always eat at a table.
- Portion out your food. Don't eat straight from the bag or box.
- Use a tall, narrow glass instead of a short, wide glass.

- Eat slowly. The point at which you pause to take a deeper breath is most likely the point at which your body is satisfied. Eating beyond this point can lead to weight gain.

To learn the recommended intake of grains, vegetables, fruit, oils, milk, meat and beans for you, Griswold recommends using the MyPyramid Plan at <http://www.mypyramid.gov>.

In honor of Earth Day, Griswold says you can find green recipes at <http://www.thedailygreen.com>.

Employees can view a recording of the Your Health Counts session through streaming media at mms://tvachastm3.cha.tva.gov/lunchandlearn31810.wmv.

*Source: Mindless Eating by Brian Wansink, PhD © 2006
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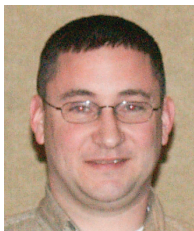
Pat Minor shows the lunch she says she eats almost every day: a medium apple, 3 ounces of smoked turkey with fresh spinach leaves, avocado, mustard and low-fat Miracle Whip on sandwich-thin bread, a few multi-grain Pringles and water.



people, plaudits, and promotions

Nuclear Professionals of the Year

Jake Nelson and **James “Randy” Patterson** of Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant; **Jerry Delaney** and **Mark Oldham** of Sequoyah Nuclear Plant; and **Dale Henderson** and **Robert Phipps Jr.** of Watts Bar Nuclear Plant were named Professionals of the Year for 2009 for exemplifying key values that help ensure safe, reliable and efficient operation of TVA's nuclear plants. Nelson, Oldham and Phipps were named Nuclear Maintenance Professionals of the Year. **Nelson**, a steamfitter at Browns Ferry, was chosen for his positive attitude, people skills, knowledge of his craft and work ethic, safety awareness and team spirit. **Oldham**, an electrician at Sequoyah, was selected for his leadership qualities, safety-conscious attitude and knowledge of his craft. **Phipps**, an electrician foreman at Watts Bar, was recognized for his willingness to take “ownership” of his duties and responsibilities, as well as for his initiative to promote and share knowledge of the Motor Operated Valve program. Delaney, Henderson and Patterson were named Radiation Protection, Chemistry Professionals of the Year. **Delaney**, a radiation-protection technician at Sequoyah, was chosen for his professionalism, strict adherence to plant procedures, and superior and concise documentation and safety. **Henderson**, a labor foreman at Watts Bar, was recognized for his commitment to plant safety, attention to detail, questioning attitude and initiative, in addition to a consistent willingness to help others once his tasks are completed. **Patterson**, a nuclear chemist at Browns Ferry, was selected for displaying a positive attitude, being a team player and promoting safety, as well as for his dedication to the Chemistry lab, including training new technicians.



Jake Nelson



Randy Patterson



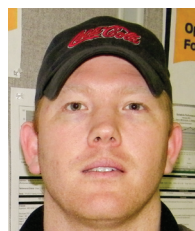
Jerry Delaney



Mark Oldham



Dale Henderson



Robert Phipps Jr.



A tribute to a new retiree

For 19 years, Nancy Cann has worked as a writer and editor of *Inside TVA*, showing the same care and concern for her editorial product at work as she does for her beloved horse, Daniel, shown above with Cann at her farm in Heiskell, Tenn. With the publication of this issue, Cann is retiring. Her colleagues — and readers — will miss Cann's dedication, passion and commitment to excellence in journalism, which has been an inspiration to those around her. She is looking forward to spending more time with Daniel, her two dogs and five cats — and in her continuing with volunteer work at Knoxville's Young-Williams Animal Center and other animal-welfare organizations.

NEW EMPLOYEE

GARY WILFORD



Gary Wilford joined TVA in February as regional coal-combustion-products construction manager for Fossil's West region. Wilford's group oversees and manages the routine handling, operations and maintenance of coal-combustion products for Allen, Colbert, Cumberland, Johnsonville, Paradise and Shawnee fossil plants.

“Coal-combustion products are the materials derived from burning coal and emission controls,” says Wilford. “The materials include fly ash, bottom ash and gypsum – all of which TVA must handle and dispose of in a way that complies with all safety and environmental regulations.”

Wilford also ensures that the dams, impoundments and dry-stack areas (where coal-combustion products are placed) are continually inspected for compliance and are being maintained according to the engineering standards and guidelines.

“The Routine Handling, Operations & Maintenance group has some of the brightest and most talented people I have worked around, and it makes coming to work a pleasure,” says Wilford. “I know that when I encounter challenges, questions or concerns, I have the support needed to reach the best solution.”

Wilford says he had been watching positions posted on TVA's employment Web site. “When I saw this position, I immediately applied.”

For a list of employees hired in February, see next page.

NEW EMPLOYEES

Freddie Michael Aldridge, Decatur, Operations Support & Fossil Generation
John William Barrett, Chattanooga, River Operations
Kelly Ann Bishop, Chattanooga, Financial Services
Josie Lc Boyter, Nashville, Customer Resources
James Caldwell, Muscle Shoals, Supply Chain
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Michael Sean Dugger, Chattanooga, Financial Services
Brian Ross Elder, Chattanooga, Chief Nuclear Office
Jane Bennett Elliott, Chattanooga, Financial Services
Mark Douglas Engle, Chattanooga, Financial Services
James Duncan Flowers, Clinton, Financial Services
Forrest Forster, Nashville, Customer Resources
Ralph Mike Foster, Muscle Shoals, Supply Chain
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Timothy Mark Prance, Decatur, Chief Nuclear Office
Blandon L. Prowse, Gallatin, Human Resources
Gregg Randall Pruitt, Knoxville, Financial Services
James B. Reed, Spring City, Chief Nuclear Office
Dwayne O. Smith, Muscle Shoals, Supply Chain
Marc B. Stonic, Mount Juliet, Power Supply & Fuels
Kathy C. Ward, Chattanooga, Office of Environment & Research
Gary Wilford, Chattanooga, Coal Combustion Products Management Division
Tamatha A. Womack, Chattanooga, Chief Nuclear Office
Kyle Wren, West Paducah, Supply Chain
Angie H. Yelverton, Decatur, Chief Nuclear Office

EDITH WALKER

Celebrating TVA's administrative professionals

Edith Walker, management assistant for Diversity & Labor Relations, has been with TVA 17 years, having worked at Y-12 in Oak Ridge and Rockwell International in Long Beach, Calif., before that.

"I love being part of the team and working with such a great group of people," she says. "I'm proud to support the staff and proud to contribute to what we do at TVA."

Walker is among the many employees who serve as support personnel essential to TVA's success.

This year, Administrative Professionals Week was April 18-24 with Administrative Professionals Day on Wednesday, April 21.

Walker grew up in Knoxville's Bearden community. Several years ago, she organized a reunion of those who grew up in neighborhoods near the historic Lyons View Pike Church. Walker's husband, Wayne, is a 32-year member of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local Union 102. They have two grown children, five grandchildren and a miniature Schnauzer named Ebony. ■

